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"AN ACT CONCERNING ENGINEERING AND MAINTAINER POSITIONS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) The Commissioner of
4 Administrative Services shall recruit interns for the summer worker
5 professional engineer job classification for the Department of
6 Transportation when requested by the Commissioner of Transportation.
7 The commissioners shall promote any such recruitment at public and
8 independent institutions of higher education.

9 (b) On and after July 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the
10 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall increase the rate of
11 compensation for the summer worker professional engineer job
12 classification by the percentage increase, if any, in the national consumer
13 price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers for the previous

14 twelve-month period.

15 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) On and after July 1, 2022, and
16 until June 30, 2025, (1) the Commissioner of Administrative Services
17 shall engage in the ongoing successive recruitment of entry-level
18 engineering positions, entry-level transportation maintainer one
19 positions and transportation maintainer two positions on behalf of the
20 Department of Transportation, (2) the Commissioner of Transportation
21 shall establish the duration of the application period for each such
22 recruitment, and (3) not later than one hundred twenty days after a
23 candidate submits an application for any such position, the
24 Commissioner of Transportation shall either make an offer of
25 employment to such candidate or reject the application of such
26 candidate.

27 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) Notwithstanding the provisions
28 of chapter 67 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of
29 Transportation may consider an application for employment submitted
30 by a candidate for a position at the Department of Transportation for
31 another open position at the department without requiring such
32 candidate to submit an application for such other position, provided
33 such candidate meets the minimum qualifications of experience and
34 training for such other position. The duties and responsibilities of a
35 position at the department may include, but need not be limited to,
36 working on greenhouse gas emission mitigation transportation projects
37 described in regulations adopted pursuant to section 4 of this act.

38 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2025, and
39 annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Transportation, in
40 consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
41 Protection, shall establish a transportation carbon budget for the state
42 that sets the maximum amount of greenhouse gas emissions permitted
43 from the transportation sector. The commissioners shall consider the
44 long-term emission reductions required by section 22a-200a of the
45 general statutes when establishing the transportation carbon budget.

46 (b) The Commissioner of Transportation shall adopt regulations, in
47 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
48 ensure transportation projects undertaken by the state, regional entities
49 or municipalities adhere to the transportation carbon budget. The
50 regulations shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) a definition of
51 "transportation project" that excludes transportation projects that are
52 necessary for safety reasons or the maintenance of highways or
53 transportation facilities, (2) the methodology to calculate the greenhouse
54 gas emissions expected from future transportation projects, (3) where
55 such projects are estimated to increase net greenhouse gas emissions,
56 the ways to offset such emissions by undertaking greenhouse gas
57 mitigation transportation projects that will reduce such emission, and
58 (4) a description of such greenhouse gas mitigation transportation
59 projects, including, but not limited to, improving public transportation,
60 constructing bikeways, pedestrian walkways or other multiuse trails or
61 paths and installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The
62 commissioner shall submit the regulations to the standing legislative
63 regulation review committee under section 4-170 of the general statutes
64 not later than July 1, 2025.

65 (c) The Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the
66 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall
67 implement a public outreach plan to ensure sufficient public and
68 stakeholder engagement in the development of the transportation
69 carbon budget and the regulations.

70 (d) On or before February 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the
71 Commissioner of Transportation shall submit, in accordance with the
72 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, a copy of the
73 transportation carbon budget for the state and a description of and the
74 results of the public outreach conducted pursuant to subsection (c) of
75 this section to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
76 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and the
77 environment."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section